GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, dated 9th June, 2010.

NOTIFICATION

Census Act, 1948,

No.JANAGANANA 2010/476/C.R.No.239/5 – Responsibilities and duties of the public under the Census Act, 1948 is hereby published for information of people with a request to co-operate for smooth conduct of Census of India 2011.

The Census of India is the largest asministrative exercise carried out in the country that provides data on various socio-economic parameters and demographic profile of the entire country's population. It is undertaken as per the Census Act, 1948 (37 of 1948) and Census Rules 1990 And amendements made thereunder. The preparations for conduct of 2011 Census are in full swing. The 1'st Phase of Census 2011 i.e. Houselisting & Housing Census is scheduled from 1st April 2010 to September 2010 in all States/Uts depending upon their local conditions. The details required for the preparation of the National Population Register will also be canvassed during this phase. The second phase of Census operation would be conducted from 9th February to 5th March 2011.

2. Further under the Census Act, 1948 provisions have been made in Section 11 of Census Act, 1948 imposing penalities on the erring public. The important sections of the Act are reproduced below for ready reference and for due notification as under : -

(i) **Section 8 (1)** A census-officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the local area for which he is appointed as, instructions issued in this behalf by the Central Government and published in the Official Gazette, he may be directed to ask.

(2) Every person of whom any question is asked under sub-section (1) shall be legally bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge or belief :

Provided that no person shall be bound to state the name of any female member of his household, and no women shall be bound to state the name of her husband or deceased husband or of any other person whose name she is forbidden by custom to mention.

(ii) **Section 9** Every person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow census officer such access thereto as they may be require for the purposes of the census and as, having regard to the customs of the country, may be reasonable, and shall allow them to paint on, or affix to, the place such letters, mark or numbers as may be necessary for the purposes of the census.

(iii) **Section 10 (1)** Subject to such orders as the Census Commissioner may issue in this behalf, a census officer may, within the local area for which he is appointed, leave or cause to be left a schedule at any dwelling-house or with the manager or any officer of any commercial or industrial establishment, for the purpose of its being filled up by the occupier of such house or of any specified part thereof or by such manager or officer with such particulars as the Census Commissioner may direct regarding the inmates of such house or part thereof, or the persons employed under such manager or officer, as the case may be, at the time of the taking of the census.

(2) When such schedule has been so left, the said occupier, manager or officer, as the case may be, shall fill it up or cause it to be filled up to the best of his knowledge or belief so far as regards the inmates of such house or part thereof or the persons employed under him as the case may be, at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto and, when so required, shall deliver the schedule so filled up and signed to the census-officer or to such person as the census-officer may direct.

(iv) **Section 11(1)** – [(a) any census-officer or any person lawfully required to giver assistance towards the taking of census who refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him by this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, or

(aa) any census-officer or any person lawfully required to giver assistance towards the taking of a census who neglects to use resonable diligence in performing any duty imposed upon him or in obeying any order issued to him in accordance with this Act or any rule made there under, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty or obeying any such order, or ;]

(d) any person who intentionally gives a false answer to, or refuses to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief, any question asked of him by a census-officer which he is legally bound by section 8 to answer, or

(e) any person occupying any house,enclosure, vessel or other place who refuses to allow a census-officer such reasonable access thereto as he is required by section 9 to allow, or

(f) any person who removes, obliterates, alters, or damages any letters, marks or numbers which have been painted or affixed for the purposes of the census, or

(g) any person who, having been required under section 10 to fill up a schedule, knowingly and without sufficient cause fails to comply with the provisions of that section, or makes any false return there under, or

(h) any person who trespasses into a census office, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction under part (a), (b) or (c) shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

(2) Whoever abets any offence under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(S. M. Inamdar)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra.

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All Municipal Commissioners,
All Collectors,
All Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Parishad,

Joint Director of Census Operations, Maharashtra, Mumbai.
The Director, Economics and Statistics, Mumbai,
The Director Town Planning, Pune Division, Pune.
All Resident Deputy Collectors, except Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban Districts.
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